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## The Kentucky Athletic Commission



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## Kentucky Revised Statutes

**229.011 Definitions.**

As used in this chapter unless the context clearly indicates otherwise the following definitions shall apply:

(1) "Advertise" includes the use of handbills, placards, posters, billboards, pictures, printed or written material or newspapers or other publications, or radio, television and other communication media.

(2) "Exhibition," in addition to its ordinary meaning, shall include a public show or showing through the medium of closed circuit television to which an admission ticket is required, or other charge is made.

(3) "Person" includes an individual, partnership, corporation, association or club.

(4) "Professional" is a boxer or wrestler who competes for a money prize, or other pecuniary gain.

(5) "Professional match" is a boxing, sparring, or wrestling match or exhibition in which a professional is a contestant.

**229.021 License required for professional matches.**

Unless a license or permit has been granted by the commission, as provided in this chapter, no person shall:

(1) Engage in a professional match, or a fight for a bet or stakes;

(2) Act as a second in a professional match, bear a challenge or the oral or written acceptance of a challenge for such match, make up or aid in making up the stakes for the match or assist in any way in the bringing on or conducting of the match;

(3) Train or prepare, or assist another in training or preparing for such a match in this state; and

(4) Voluntarily permit the use of any land owned, controlled or occupied by him for such a match.

**229.031 Report as to tickets sold and receipts -- Tax on gross receipts.**

(1) Every person conducting a professional boxing or wrestling match or exhibition, other than those holding a permit under subsection (1) of KRS 229.061, shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the termination of every match or exhibition, furnish to the commission a written report, verified by the person, if an individual, or by some officer, if a corporation or association, showing the number of tickets sold for the match or exhibition, the amount of the gross receipts from such sale and such other matters as the commission prescribes. He shall also, within the same period, pay to the commission a tax of five percent (5%) of the gross receipts from the sale of all tickets to the match or exhibition.

(2) He shall also pay to the commission, as soon as possible, a tax of five percent (5%) of the gross receipts from all other sources, direct or indirect, including but not by way of limitation the gross receipts from the sale, lease or other exploitation of broadcasting, television and motion picture rights of such contests. He shall also, prior to any such professional boxing or wrestling match or exhibition, file with the commission a copy of each contract involving compensation of the contestants and a copy of each contract under which he will receive, directly or indirectly, compensation from any source whatsoever. Any person making payments under any such contract shall promptly report to the commission the amount of any such payments.

(3) All taxes required to be paid by this section shall be computed on the gross receipts without any deduction whatsoever for commissions, brokerage, distribution fees, advertising or other expenses, charges or recoupments in respect thereto, exclusive of any federal excise taxes.

(4) Any person supplying radio, television or cable facilities for the broadcast or televising of any professional match shall, prior to the contest, notify the commission.

**229.041 Books examined, when.**

Whenever a person fails to make the report within the time prescribed by KRS 229.031, or whenever the report is unsatisfactory to the commission, it may examine or cause to be examined the books and records of that person to ascertain and fix the total amount of its gross receipts for any match or exhibition and the amount of the tax due.

**229.051 Bond of permittee -- Condition.**

Before a permit is granted to any person to hold, promote, or act as a booker for a professional boxing or a wrestling match or exhibition, the applicant shall file with the commission a bond in the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000), to be approved as to form and the sufficiency of the sureties by the commission, conditioned for the payment of the tax imposed by KRS 229.031. Upon the approval of the bond, the commission shall issue to the applicant a certificate of filing and approval, which shall be filed by the applicant with the commission, with the application for the permit. The permit shall not be issued until the certificate has been filed.

**229.061 Permits for schools and charitable organizations.**

(1) The commission may issue a permit, without the payment of any taxes or license, to any accredited college, university, school, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Men's Hebrew Association, or organization which in the judgment of the commission is of like character, to hold boxing or wrestling matches or exhibitions upon a sufficient showing that the matches or exhibitions are to be held by and between bona fide students or members of such accredited colleges, universities, schools, Young Men's Christian Associations, Young Men's Hebrew Associations, or organizations which in the judgment of the commission are of like character.

(2) Any regularly organized post of the American Legion, and any organization operating solely for charitable purposes from which no individual, partnership, or corporation derives any monetary gain, may hold boxing or wrestling matches or exhibitions without the payment of the license fee prescribed by KRS 229.071. Any post of the American Legion or other organization holding matches or exhibitions under this section shall be subject to the provisions of KRS 229.031 and 229.051.

(3) No match permitted by subsections (1) and (2) of this section may be conducted without a permit to hold the specific match and accompanying program of events at a specified location on a specified date.

**229.071 License and permit requirement for professional matches -- Fees -- Permit preference to Kentucky residents.**

(1) No person shall conduct or advertise a professional match without a license and permit issued by the commission to conduct the match. An accompanying program of events shall be filed with the application for permit which specifies the location, date and time of the match.

(2) If, in the judgment of the commission, the financial responsibility, experience, character, and general fitness of an applicant, including in the case of corporations its officers and stockholders, are such that the participation of the applicant will be consistent with the public interest, convenience, or necessity and with the best interests of boxing or wrestling generally and in conformity with the purposes of this chapter, the commission may grant an annual license in accordance with the provisions of subsection (3) of this section.

(3) The annual license fee shall be established by the board by promulgation of administrative regulations. Each license shall expire twelve (12) months after the date of issue.

(4) No person may be issued an annual license unless he has been a resident of Kentucky for sixty (60) days prior to the issuance thereof, or in the case of a corporation, unless it has qualified to do business in the Commonwealth.

(5) In determining which applicant may be granted a permit to conduct a professional wrestling match the commission shall give preference to Kentucky residents and domestic corporations.

**229.081 License and eligibility requirements for participants in professional match.**

A person shall not participate in a professional match in any of the following enumerated capacities or in any other capacity as set out in administrative regulations promulgated by the commission without holding a license issued by the commission and meeting all eligibility requirements as established by the commission by promulgation of administrative regulations:

- (1) Contestant;
- (2) Judge;
- (3) Manager;
- (4) Physician;
- (5) Referee;
- (6) Timekeeper; or
- (7) Trainer.

Licenses issued under this section shall expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. The commission may establish a schedule of compensation to be paid to officials for participating in a professional match by promulgation of administrative regulations. The compensation shall be paid by the person conducting the match, and by no other person.

**229.091 Licensees subject to regulation -- Written application.**

(1) Every licensee shall be subject to the administrative regulations promulgated by the commission.

(2) Every application for a license shall be in writing, shall be addressed to the commission, and shall be verified by the applicant, if an individual, or by some officer, if a corporation or association, on whose behalf the application is made. It shall contain a recital of such facts as show the applicant entitled to receive a license and such other facts and recitals as the commission requires by administrative regulation to be shown.

**229.101 Length of professional matches.**

A boxing or wrestling match or exhibition shall not consist of more than twelve (12) rounds.

**229.111 Health examination of professional contestants.**

Contestants in a professional boxing or wrestling match or exhibition shall be examined by a reputable licensed physician appointed by the commission, and shall meet the health and fitness requirements as established in administrative regulations promulgated by the commission before participating in such a boxing or wrestling match or exhibition.

**229.121 Age limit for contestants.**

No contestant under eighteen (18) years of age shall be knowingly issued a license or allowed to participate in any professional boxing or wrestling match or exhibition, nor shall any person obtain, or cause to be obtained, a license to any person under eighteen (18) years of age, to participate in any professional boxing or wrestling match or exhibition.

**229.131 Decisions rendered, how.**

Decisions may be rendered in any boxing or wrestling match or exhibition, permitted by this chapter, in the discretion of the commission and by such method as it by rule prescribes.

**229.141 Structures used for matches, requirements.**

All structures or parts of structures used, or intended to be used, for boxing and wrestling matches and exhibitions, shall be properly ventilated and provided with fire exits and fire escapes, if need be, and shall conform to the laws, ordinances and regulations pertaining to buildings in the city where situated.

**229.151 Kentucky Athletic Commission -- Membership -- Officers -- Compensation -- Expenses -- Quorum -- Support services.**

(1) There is hereby established the Kentucky Athletic Commission which shall consist of seven (7) members, appointed by the Governor, with initial appointments for two

(2) members for terms of four (4) years, two (2) members for terms of three (3) years, two (2) members for terms of two (2) years, and one (1) member for a term of one (1) year, except that of the members appointed after July 15, 1998, two (2) members appointed to fill the terms expiring July 14, 1999, shall serve until February 14, 2000; two (2) members appointed to fill the terms expiring July 14, 2000, shall serve until February 14, 2001; one (1) member appointed to fill the term expiring July 14, 2001, shall serve until February 14, 2002; two (2) members appointed to fill the terms expiring July 14, 2002, shall serve until February 14, 2003; and subsequent appointments shall be for four (4) year terms ending on February 14. Thereafter, members shall be appointed by the Governor for staggered terms of four (4) years. At least one (1) member shall have a background in the professional boxing or wrestling industry. At least one (1) member shall be a licensed physician. The executive director of the Division of Occupations and Professions shall serve on the commission in an ex officio capacity. One (1) member shall be designated by the Governor as chairman and one (1) member shall be elected by the commission as vice chairman, who shall have authority to act as chairman in the event of the chairman's absence or inability to act. The chairman, vice chairman, other members of the commission, and those persons referred to in KRS 229.161, shall receive one hundred dollars (\$100) per day for each meeting attended and shall be paid their actual and necessary traveling and other expenses incurred by them in the performance of their official duties. The commission shall hold one (1) regular meeting every three (3) months. Four (4) members of the commission shall constitute a quorum to conduct business.

(2) The board shall be placed for organizational purposes under the Division of Occupations and Professions which shall provide administrative and secretarial services.

**229.161 Other officers, employees, and inspectors.**

The commission may appoint, employ, and remove at will such other officers, employees, and inspectors as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter.

**229.171 Commission to control and manage professional boxing and wrestling.**

The commission shall have and hereby is vested with the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional boxing, sparring, and wrestling matches or exhibitions to be conducted, held, or given within the Commonwealth. The commission is hereby given the sole control, authority, and jurisdiction over all licenses to hold boxing, sparring, or wrestling matches or exhibitions for prizes or purses or where an admission fee is received, and over all licenses to any and all persons who participate in the boxing, sparring, or wrestling matches, or exhibitions.

**229.180 Rules and regulations.**

The commission is authorized to adopt and promulgate, amend or abrogate any and all rules and regulations considered by it necessary or expedient for the performance of its functions provided in this chapter. In recognition of the fact that more supervision is desirable in this area,

it is the intention of the General Assembly to confer upon the commission wider discretion than that ordinarily possessed by administrative agencies.

**229.190 Appeals -- Hearings.**

(1) Any action of the commission taken under authority of KRS 229.200 may be appealed, and upon appeal an administrative hearing shall be conducted in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B. The commission may provide for hearing officers or impanel not less than three (3) of its members to conduct hearings.

(2) Any party aggrieved by a final order of the commission may appeal to Franklin Circuit Court in accordance with KRS Chapter 13B.

**229.200 Suspension, reprimand, revocation, or refusal of licenses -- Grounds.**

(1) The commission may suspend, reprimand, revoke, or refuse to renew or issue a license for the following reasons: that the licensee or applicant has, in the judgment of the commission, been guilty of an act detrimental to the interests of boxing or wrestling generally or to the public interest, convenience, or necessity, including, but not by way of limitation, the violation of any of the provisions of this chapter or any rule or administrative regulation of the commission.

(2) The commission may suspend, reprimand, revoke, or refuse to renew or issue a license, if it finds that the applicant, or any person who is a partner, agent, employee, stockholder, or associate of the applicant, has been convicted of a crime in any jurisdiction, or is associating or consorting with any person who has or persons who have been convicted of a crime or crimes in any jurisdiction or jurisdictions, or is consorting or associating with or has consorted or associated with bookmakers, gamblers, or persons of similar pursuits, or has himself engaged in similar pursuits, or is financially irresponsible, or has been guilty of or attempted any fraud or misrepresentation in connection with boxing or wrestling, or has violated or attempted to violate any law with respect to boxing or wrestling in any jurisdiction or any rule, regulation, or order of the commission, or shall have violated any rule of boxing or wrestling which shall have been approved or adopted by the commission, or has been guilty of or engaged in similar, related, or like practices.

(3) (a) The commission may suspend, reprimand, revoke, or refuse to renew or issue a license to protect the health of the licensee, upon notification of the suspension or revocation of the license of a licensee in another state or jurisdiction.

(b) Upon proceedings for the revocation of any license under KRS 229.081, the commission may, in its discretion, order a suspension of the license. However, the licensee may have the alternative, subject to the approval of the commission, to pay in lieu of part or all of the days of any suspension period a sum not in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500).

**229.210 Ineligibility duration.**

For any act which would justify the suspension of a license the commission may declare the person committing such act ineligible to receive a license for a period not to exceed one (1) year.

**229.240 Peace officers to prevent unauthorized matches.**

All peace officers, who are informed or who have reason to believe that a professional match that is in violation of this chapter or administrative regulations promulgated in accordance with this chapter is about to take place, or that there is training or preparation for such a contest, in any place within their jurisdiction, shall suppress and prevent it. For this purpose any peace officer may enter any place where such contest is being or will be held or where there is training or preparation for such a contest and may arrest without a warrant any person who does not submit satisfactory proof that he or she has the license or permit required by this chapter.

**229.250 Disbursal of fees and charges collected by Kentucky Athletic Commission.**

1) The first \$100,000 in fees and charges collected by the Kentucky Athletic Commission shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to a separate revolving or trust and agency fund account established for the purpose of administering the provisions of this chapter. The amount of fees and charges collected in excess of \$100,000 shall be deposited to the credit of the general fund. The cost and expenses of administering the provisions of this chapter, including compensation to members of the board and its officers and employees shall be paid out of the State Treasury upon warrants of the secretary of the Finance and Administration Cabinet according to law, provided that the total expense of administering these provisions shall not exceed the fees and other charges collected by the board and available in the revolving or trust and agency fund account, of that commission, except that, in fiscal year 1984-85 such costs shall not exceed the fees and other charges collected by the commission and available in the revolving or trust and agency account plus any funds which are appropriated to the commission under the provisions of Acts Chapter 418 of the 1984 session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

(2) All fees and charges collected by the Kentucky Athletic Commission, up to a maximum of \$100,000, shall be available for the administration of the provisions of this chapter, and for no other purpose.

**229.991 Penalties.**

(1) Any person who violates subsection (1) of KRS 229.071 or subsection (1) of KRS 229.021 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than six (6) months, or both.

2) Any person who violates subsection (2), (3), or (4) of KRS 229.021 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) or imprisoned in the county jail for not more than ninety (90) days, or both.

(3) Any person who violates KRS 229.081 where the violation does not constitute a violation of KRS 229.021, shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

(4) Any peace officer who willfully fails to execute the duties required of him by KRS 229.240 shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500).

(5) Any person who violates any of the provisions of this chapter for which no specific penalty is provided shall be fined not less than ten dollars (\$10) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100).

(6) Any person who fails to pay the taxes required by KRS 229.031 or ascertained to be due under KRS 229.041 together with the expenses incurred in the examination, within twenty (20) days after notice to the delinquent person of the amount fixed by the commission shall ipso facto forfeit his license. In addition he shall forfeit and pay into the State Treasury an additional amount equal to the taxes found to be due.

(7) Any person who violates the provisions of KRS 229.121 shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500) and no person who has been guilty of such an offense shall be allowed to participate in any boxing or wrestling match or exhibition for one (1) year after being found guilty of the offense.

(8) Any person failing to make the report required by subsection (2) or (4) of KRS 229.031 shall be liable for any tax the Commonwealth may lose as a result of his failure to make the required report.



# Kentucky Administrative Regulations

## **201 KAR 27:005. Definitions.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.011

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 authorizes the commission to provide the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional boxing, sparring, and wrestling matches or exhibitions to be conducted, held or given within the Commonwealth. This administrative regulation establishes the definitions used in this chapter.

Section 1. Definitions. The following terms shall have the meaning assigned herein:

- (1) "Bout" means a contest or exhibition;
- (2) "Card" means contests and exhibitions scheduled or occurring as part of a program or show of contests and exhibitions to which a single ticket authorizes admittance, and which is under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Athletic Commission;
- (3) "Chairman" means the Chairman of the Kentucky Athletic Commission;
- (4) "Commission" means the Kentucky Athletic Commission;
- (5) "Commissioner" means a member of the Kentucky Athletic Commission;
- (6) "Contest" means an engagement in which the boxers, kick boxers, or contestants in an elimination event strive earnestly in good faith to win;
- (7) "Contestant" means any person participating in boxing, wrestling, elimination events or kick boxing matches, shows or exhibitions coming under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Athletic Commission;
- (8) "Elimination event" means a boxing show where the winner of each match continues to box against additional opponents in a tournament format until an overall winner is determined;
- (9) "Employee" means any employee of the Kentucky Athletic Commission;
- (10) "Judge" means an official licensed and approved by the Kentucky Athletic Commission other than a referee, who shall have a vote in determining the winner of any contest;
- (11) "Kick boxing" means a boxing show where the participants are allowed to throw kicking or foot blows at the opponent in addition to regular punching with the hands;
- (12) "License" means the written authority to engage in the business of conducting, holding, giving, or officiating at, or participating in, boxing, wrestling, elimination events or kick boxing matches, shows or exhibitions;
- (13) "Manager" means any person, including an agent, managing, handling, booking, directing, or in any other way directly or indirectly acting for or with a contestant in obtaining and participating in any match, show or exhibition, whether for compensation or not;
- (14) "Matchmaker" or "booker" means any person, including an agent, who brings together professional boxers, kick boxers, or wrestlers or arranges professional boxing contests or wrestling matches or shows;
- (15) "Medical examination" includes all physical, mental and psychological examinations;
- (16) "Official" means any announcer, judge, physician, referee, or timekeeper;
- (17) "Permit" means written permission for a licensee to engage in, conduct, hold, or give a professional boxing, wrestling, elimination event or kick boxing match, show or exhibition at a specific date and hour and at a specific place;
- (18) "Physician" means an individual licensed in any state to engage in the general practice of medicine and surgery;
- (19) "Professional" means a person who competes in a boxing contest or wrestling exhibition for a purse, or teaches or pursues or assists in the practice of boxing or wrestling as a means of obtaining a livelihood or pecuniary gain;
- (20) "Promoter" means any individual, corporation, association, partnership or club who has been issued a license to promote and conduct professional boxing, wrestling, elimination

events or kick boxing matches, shows or exhibitions within this Commonwealth and who is responsible for or who oversees the arranging, organizing, matchmaking, and booking of a show;

(21) "Second" means any person aiding, assisting or advising a contestant during a boxing or kick boxing match, show or exhibition;

(22) "Show" means any organized grouping of boxing matches, wrestling matches, elimination event matches or kick boxing matches or exhibitions coming under the jurisdiction of the Kentucky Athletic Commission;

(23) "Sparring" means practice boxing, in which a boxer receives, lands or attempts to land blows from or on another person as part of a practice or training exercise; and

(24) "Trainer" means any person who participates in the training of any contestant provided that training occurs within this Commonwealth.

**201 KAR 27:007. Powers and duties delegated to a commissioner or employee of the commission.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.171, 229.200

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.080

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 gives the commission the sole direction, management, control and jurisdiction over all professional boxing, sparring, and wrestling shows to be held or conducted in the Commonwealth. In order to appropriately manage and control these activities, at the site of the show, it is necessary for the commission to delegate the powers granted pursuant to KRS Chapter 229 to a commissioner or an employee of the commission. This administrative regulation provides the delegation of these powers.

Section 1. The chairman shall assign himself, another commissioner, or an employee of the commission to monitor each boxing, elimination event, and kick boxing show taking place within the Commonwealth. He may assign himself, another commissioner, or an employee of the commission to monitor wrestling shows on a periodic basis.

Section 2. The person assigned by the chairman to monitor the show shall exercise immediate and full supervision, control, and administrative regulation of the show on behalf of the commission and shall be responsible directly to the commission. By way of illustration and without limiting thereby, the powers of the person assigned to monitor the show shall include:

(1) Authority over all contestants and matches, licensed or unlicensed, on the premises before, during, and after a show as to all matters relating to the show;

(2) To determine all questions, disputes, protests, complaints, or objections concerning the show and to enforce such determinations;

(3) To suspend the license of a contestant or other licensee, or eject or exclude from the premises or any part thereof, licensed or unlicensed persons upon reasonable belief that a violation of KRS Chapter 229 or the administrative regulations promulgated thereunder, has occurred;

(4) To interpret and enforce the statutes and administrative regulations and determine all questions relating to this show under the jurisdiction of the commission;

(5) To issue decisions or rulings on issues or questions relating to the show subject to the powers granted to the commission;

(6) To request and receive assistance from commissioners, employees of the commission, officials, licensees, local, or state law enforcement personnel in the investigation of possible statutory or regulatory infractions; and

(7) To conduct hearings on all questions, disputes, protests, complaints, or objections arising from the show.

Section 3. Any decision made pursuant to this administrative regulation may be appealed to the full commission in the manner prescribed in KRS 229.220.

**201 KAR 27:008. Licensing requirements and fees.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.021, 229.081, 229.171

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: To establish licensure requirements and fees for participants and for professional matches to be held in the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Annual License for Participants. All persons participating as in a professional match shall be licensed by this commission. All licenses shall expire on December 31 of the year in which they are issued. The license fee for each participant shall be as follows:

- (1) Wrestlers and referees of professional wrestling matches - ten (10) dollars;
- (2) Boxers and kick boxers - ten (10) dollars;
- (3) Judges - ten (10) dollars;
- (4) Managers - ten (10) dollars;
- (5) Referees of boxing, elimination, and kick boxing - ten (10) dollars; or
- (6) Timekeepers - ten (10) dollars.

Section 2. Licenses for Elimination Events. The fee for a contestant to participate in an elimination event shall be four (4) dollars and shall be valid for the duration of that event only or a maximum of three (3) calendar days from the date of issuance.

Section 3. Annual License for Professional Matches. The annual license for professional matches shall entitle the holder to conduct wrestling, boxing, elimination, or kick boxing events at any location within the Commonwealth for a period of one (1) year from the date of issuance. The fee for the annual license for professional matches shall be \$300.

**201 KAR 27:010. General requirements for boxing, elimination events, kick boxing, matches, shows, or exhibitions.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.071(2), 229.171

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 authorizes the commission to provide the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional boxing, sparring, and wrestling matches or exhibitions to be conducted, held or given with the Commonwealth. This administrative regulation establishes the general requirements for boxing, elimination events, and kick boxing matches, shows, or exhibitions.

Section 1. The proposed program for a show shall be filed with the commission at least five (5) business days prior to the date of the show. Notice of any change in a program or any substitutions in a show shall be immediately filed with the commission.

Section 2. (1) Before the commencement of a show, all changes or substitutions shall be:

- (a) Announced from the ring; and
- (b) Posted in a conspicuous place at the ticket office.

(2) Purchasers of tickets shall be entitled, upon request, to a refund of the purchase price of the tickets, provided the request is made before the commencement of the show.

Section 3. For boxing, elimination events, and kick boxing shows the row nearest the ring on all four (4) sides shall be under the exclusive control of the commission.

Section 4. The ring specifications for boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events shall be as follows:

- (1) All matches shall be held in a roped ring with the following specifications:
  - (a) It shall not be less than sixteen (16) feet square inside the ropes;
  - (b) The floor of the ring shall extend beyond the ropes for a distance of not less than one (1) foot;
  - (c) The floor of the ring shall be elevated not more than four (4) feet above the arena floor; and
  - (d) It shall have steps to enter the ring on two (2) sides.
- (2) The ring shall be formed of ropes with the following specifications:

(a) There shall be three (3) ropes extended in a triple line at the following heights above the ring floor:

1. Eighteen (18) inches;
2. Thirty-five (35) inches; and
3. Fifty-two (52) inches;

(b) The ropes shall be at least one (1) inch in diameter;

(c) The ropes shall be wrapped in a clean, soft material and drawn taut;

(d) The ropes shall be held in place with vertical straps on each of the four (4) sides of the ring; and

(e) A fourth rope may be used subject to approval of the commission.

(3) The ropes shall be supported by ring posts that shall be:

(a) Made of metal or other strong material;

(b) Not less than three (3) inches in diameter;

(c) At least eighteen (18) inches from the ropes; and

(d) Wrapped in soft clean material.

(4) The ring floor shall be padded or cushioned with a clean, soft material that:

(a) Is at least one (1) inch in thickness;

(b) Extends over the edge of the platform; and

(c) Is covered with canvas or a similar material stretched tightly.

(5) The ring ropes shall be attached to the ring posts by turnbuckles that are padded with a soft vertical pad at least six (6) inches in width.

Section 5. A bell or horn shall be used by the timekeeper in indicating the time.

Section 6. Equipment Supplied by Promoter. In addition to the ring and ring equipment, the promoter shall supply the following items, which shall be available for use as needed:

(1) A public address system in good working order;

(2) Judges and timekeepers chairs elevated sufficiently to provide an unobstructed view of the ring and the ring floor;

(3) Items for each contestant's corner including:

(a) A stool or chair;

(b) A clean bucket;

(c) A clean water bottle;

(d) Towels;

(e) Rubber gloves; and

(f) An adequate supply of water and fresh ice;

(4) A complete set of numbered round-cards;

(5) A container of powdered resin;

(6) A clean stretcher and a clean blanket, placed under or adjacent to the ring throughout each program;

(7) First aid oxygen apparatus or equipment;

(8) Gloves for each boxer in each contest or exhibition. The gloves shall:

(a) Weigh not less than eight (8) ounces of which weight no more than one (1) ounce shall be in the wrist padding of the glove;

(b) Be new for main events and for contests and exhibitions scheduled for ten (10) or more rounds; and

(c) Be thumbless or thumblock gloves approved by the commission unless otherwise directed or authorized by the commission.

Section 7. Scales. Scales used for any weigh-in shall be approved in advance by the commission.

Section 8. Duty to Safeguard Premises. All promoters shall safeguard and provide security at the premises where contests or exhibitions are conducted to insure to the commission's satisfaction that adequate protection against disorderly conduct has been provided.

Any disorderly act, assault or breach of decorum on the part of any licensee at the premises shall be prohibited.

**201 KAR 27:012. Wrestling requirements.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.021, 229.081, 229.171

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 authorizes the commission to provide the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional boxing, sparring, and wrestling matches or exhibitions to be conducted, held or given within the Commonwealth. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for wrestling shows and for participants in wrestling matches.

Section 1. Requirements for the wrestling ring and the immediately surrounding area.

(1) All matches shall be held in a roped ring with the following specifications:

(a) It shall not be less than fourteen (14) feet square inside the ropes;

(b) The floor of the ring shall extend beyond the ropes for a distance of not less than one (1) foot;

(c) The floor of the ring may be elevated not more than four (4) feet above the arena floor; and

(d) It may have steps to enter the ring on two (2) sides.

(2) The ring shall be formed of ropes with the following specifications:

(a) There shall be three (3) ropes extended in a triple line;

(b) The ropes shall be at least one (1) inch in diameter; and

(c) The ropes shall be wrapped in a clean, soft material and drawn taut.

(3) The ropes shall be supported by ring posts that shall be:

(a) Made of metal or other strong material;

(b) Not less than three (3) inches in diameter;

(c) At least eighteen (18) inches from the ropes; and

(d) Wrapped in soft clean material.

(4) The ring floor shall be padded or cushioned with a clean, soft material that:

(a) Is at least one (1) inch in thickness;

(b) Extends over the edge of the platform;

(c) Is covered with canvas or a similar material stretched tightly; and

(d) Is clean, sanitary, and free from:

1. Grit;

2. Dirt;

3. Resin;

4. Blood; and

5. Any other foreign object or substance.

(5) The ring ropes shall be attached to the ring posts by turnbuckles that are padded with a soft vertical pad at least six (6) inches in width.

(6) The ring shall have an area of at least six (6) feet between the edge of the ring floor and the first row of spectator seats on all four (4) sides of the ring.

(7) A partition, barricade, or some type of divider shall be placed between:

(a) The first row of the spectator seats and the six (6) foot area surrounding the ring; and

(b) The entry lane for wrestlers to enter the ring and the spectator area.

Section 2. Changes and Substitutions. (1) Before the beginning of a wrestling show, all changes or substitutions in the advertised program of wrestling shall be posted at the ticket window and at the entrance to the facility.

(2) Changes or substitutions shall also be announced in the ring before commencement of the first match along with the information that any ticket holder desiring a refund based on those announced changes or substitutions shall be entitled to receive a refund before commencement of the program.

(3) Purchasers of tickets shall be entitled, upon request by them, to a refund of the purchase price of such tickets, if the request is made before the commencement of the first match.

Section 3. Notification Requirement. (1) A licensed wrestler who has made a commitment to participate in a professional match and is unable to participate, for any reason, shall notify the promoter of the inability to participate as soon as possible.

(2) Failure to notify the promoter in a timely manner shall constitute grounds for possible disciplinary action by the commission.

Section 4. Prohibited Activities. While participating in a professional match, a wrestler, manager, or second shall not:

(1) Use, or direct another person to use, any object or tactic to intentionally cut:

(a) Himself;

(b) An opponent; or

(c) Any other participant in the show;

(2) Use any pyrotechnic during the show on:

(a) Another wrestler;

(b) Manager; or

(c) Second; or

(3) Intentionally cause himself or his opponent to bleed while participating in an exhibition or appearing at the site of a show.

Section 5. No wrestling contestant, second, or any other participant in the wrestling show shall engage in any wrestling activity outside of the partitioned area that separates the ring area or entry lane from the spectators.

Section 6. Any violation of this or any other administrative regulation which results in injury to a contestant, participant or member of the audience may result in suspension or revocation of a license, at the discretion of the commission.

Section 7. Where Wrestling Must Take Place. All wrestling or entertainment must take place either in the ring or within the partitioned-off portion of the gym or arena. No physical activity is permitted between contestants or other wrestlers in the audience or outside of the safety partition.

Section 8. Duty to Safeguard Premises. All promoters shall safeguard and provide security for the premises where contests or exhibitions are conducted to insure to the commission's satisfaction that adequate protection against disorderly conduct has been provided. Any disorderly act, assault or breach of decorum on the part of any licensee at such premises is prohibited.

### **201 KAR 27:013. Scoring and conduct of boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.101, 229.131, 229.171

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 states that the commission is given the sole control, authority and jurisdiction over professional boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events and all persons who participate therein. This administrative regulation establishes the requirements for the scoring and conduct of all forms of boxing matches. The following administrative regulation applies to boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events.

Section 1. Judges, physicians, referees, and timekeepers shall be selected, licensed, and assigned by the commission.

Section 2. Decisions shall be rendered as follows:

(1) If a contest lasts the scheduled limit, the winner of the contest shall be decided by:

(a) A majority vote of the judges if three (3) are used; or

(b) A majority vote of the judges and the referee if two (2) judges are used.

(2) Decisions shall be based primarily on effectiveness, giving credit for:

(a) Clean, forceful hitting;

(b) Aggressiveness;

- (c) Defensive work; and
- (d) Ring generalship, and deducting points for an opposite showing.

Section 3. Scoring shall be as follows:

(1) Each round in boxing shall be accounted for on the score card, using the ten (10) point must system. Scoring shall be in ratio of merit and demerit, the difference displayed by the contestants.

(2) Score cards shall be:

- (a) Signed;
  - (b) Handed to the referee in the ring; and
  - (c) Filed by him with the commissioner or employee of the commission in attendance.
- (3) The decision shall then be announced from the ring.

Section 4. Bouts and rounds shall be as follows:

(1)(a) Boxing or kick boxing rounds shall:

- 1. Be of either two (2) or three (3) minutes duration; and
- 2. Have not less than a one (1) minute rest period between rounds.

(b) A boxing or kick boxing bout shall consist of one (1) of the following number of rounds:

- 1. Four (4);
- 2. Six (6);
- 3. Eight (8);
- 4. Ten (10); or
- 5. Twelve (12).

(2)(a) Elimination rounds shall:

- 1. Not exceed ninety (90) seconds duration; and
- 2. Have not less than a one (1) minute rest period between rounds.

(b) Elimination bouts shall not exceed three (3) rounds.

Section 5. Requirements for boxing gloves shall be as follows:

(1) For boxing, contestants shall wear boxing gloves which shall be:

- (a) Clean and sanitary;
- (b) Furnished by the promoter;
- (c) Of equal weight;
- (d) Not less than eight (8) ounces; and
- (e) Thumbless or thumb-attached.

(2) For elimination events:

(a) Contestants shall wear boxing gloves and headgear which shall be:

- 1. Clean and sanitary;
- 2. Furnished by the promoter;
- 3. Clearly labeled with the promoter's name;
- 4. Of equal weight;
- 5. Not less than sixteen (16) ounces; and
- 6. Thumbless or thumb-attached.

(b) Contestants shall not be allowed to provide substitute gloves or headgear.

(3) For kick boxing:

(a) Contestants shall wear boxing gloves which shall be:

- 1. Clean and sanitary;
- 2. Furnished by the promoter;
- 3. Of equal weight;
- 4. Not less than eight (8) ounces; and
- 5. Thumbless or thumb-attached.

(b) Contestants shall also wear padded kick boxing boots on their feet approved by the commission.

(4) Gloves for all main matches shall be new and shall be put on in the ring subject to the discretion of the commissioner or employee of the commission.

(5) Breaking, roughing, or twisting of gloves shall not be permitted.

(6) The laces on gloves shall be tied on the back of the wrist and taped.

Section 6. Requirements for bandages shall be as follows:

(1)(a) For boxing and kick boxing only soft cotton or linen bandages shall be used for the protection of the boxer's hands.

(b) Bandages shall not be more than two (2) inches in width and twelve (12) yards in length for each hand.

(2) For elimination events bandaging of the hands shall not be allowed.

(3)(a) Medical adhesive tape not more than one (1) inch in width may be used to hold bandages in place.

(b) Adhesive tape shall not be lapped more than one-eighth (1/8) of one (1) inch.

(c) Adhesive tape not to exceed one (1) layer shall be crossed over the back of the hand for its protection.

(d) Three (3) strips of adhesive tape, lapping not to exceed one-eighth (1/8) of one (1) inch, may be used for protection of the knuckles.

Section 7. Requirements for knock downs shall be as follows:

(1) If a contestant is knocked to the floor by his opponent or falls from weakness or other causes, his opponent shall:

(a) Immediately retire to the farthest neutral corner of the ring; and

(b) Remain there until the referee completes his count or signals a resumption of action.

(2)(a) The timekeeper shall commence counting off the seconds and indicating the count with a motion of the arm when the contestant is down.

(b) The referee shall pick up the count from the timekeeper.

(3) If a contestant fails to arise before the count of ten (10), the referee shall declare him the loser by waving both arms to indicate a knockout.

(4) If a contestant who is down arises during the count, the referee may, if he deems it necessary, step between the contestants long enough to assure himself that the contestant just arisen is in condition to continue the match.

(5) If a contestant who is down arises before the count of ten (10) is reached and again goes down from weakness or the effects of a previous blow, without being struck again, the referee shall resume the count where he left off.

(6) At the discretion of the referee, a standing eight (8) count may be used.

(7)(a) If a contestant is knocked down three (3) times during a round, the contest shall be stopped.

(b) The contestant scoring the knock downs shall be the winner by a technical knockout.

(c) This rule may be waived by the commission upon the request of both contestants.

(d) Any request for waiver shall be made prior to the beginning of the show.

(8)(a) If a round, other than the last round, ends before a contestant who was knocked down rises, the bell shall ring and the count shall continue.

(b) If the contestant fails to arise before the count of ten (10), the referee shall declare him the loser by waving both arms to indicate a knockout.

Section 8. A failure to resume a match shall be as follows:

(1) If a contestant fails to resume the match for any reason after a rest period, or leaves the ring during the rest period and fails to be in the ring when the bell rings to begin the next round, the referee shall count him out the same as if he were down in that round.

(2) If a contestant who has been knocked out of or has fallen out of the ring during a match fails to return immediately to the ring and be on his feet before the expiration of ten (10) seconds, the referee shall count him out as if he were down.

Section 9. A contestant shall be considered "down" when:

(1) Any part of his body other than his feet is on the ring floor; or



(2) He is hanging helplessly over the ropes and in the judgment of the referee, he is unable to stand; or

(3) He is rising from the "down" position.

Section 10. (1) The following shall be considered fouls:

(a) Hitting below the belt;

(b) Hitting an opponent who is down or who is getting up after having been down;

(c) Holding an opponent and deliberately maintaining a clinch;

(d) Holding an opponent with one (1) hand and hitting with the other;

(e) Butting with head or shoulder or using the knee;

(f) Hitting with inside or butt of the hand, the wrist, or the elbow, and all backhand blows except for those backhand blows allowable in kick boxing;

(g) Hitting or "flicking" with the glove open or thumbing;

(h) Wrestling, or roughing, against the ropes;

(i) Purposely going down without having been hit;

(j) Deliberately striking at the part of opponent's body over the kidneys;

(k) Use of the pivot blow or rabbit punch or any physical action which may injure a contestant;

(l) Use of abusive or profane language; or

(m) Failure to obey the referee.

(2)(a) A contestant who commits a foul may be disqualified and the decision awarded to his opponent by the referee.

(b) The referee shall immediately disqualify a contestant who commits a deliberate and willful foul which incapacitates his opponent.

(3) Any contestant committing a foul may be disciplined by the commissioner or employee of the commission.

(4)(a) If a match is temporarily stopped by the referee, due to accidental fouling, the referee, with the aid of the physician, if necessary, shall decide whether the contestant who has been fouled is in physical condition to continue the match.

(b) If in their opinion the contestant's chances have not been seriously jeopardized, as a result of the foul, he shall order the match resumed after a reasonable time, the time to be set by the referee, but not exceeding five (5) minutes.

(5)(a) If a contestant is unable to continue as the result of an accidental foul and the match is in one (1) of the first three (3) rounds, the match shall be declared a technical draw.

(b) If the foul occurs after the third round, or if an injury sustained from an accidental foul in the first three (3) rounds causes the contest to be subsequently stopped, the contest shall be scored on the basis of the judges' scorecards.

Section 11. The following shall be prohibited:

(1) "Battle royal"; and

(2) Use of excessive grease or any other substance which may handicap an opponent.

Section 12. Boxer Repeatedly Knocked Out or Otherwise Defeated. (1) A boxer or kick boxer who has been repeatedly knocked out and severely beaten shall be retired and not permitted to box again if, after subjecting him to a thorough examination by a physician, the commission decides the action is necessary in order to protect the health and welfare of the boxer.

(2) A boxer or kick boxer who has suffered six (6) consecutive defeats by knockout shall not be allowed to box again until he has been investigated by the commission and examined by a physician.

(3) A boxer or kick boxer whose license is under suspension in any other jurisdiction may be allowed to participate in any boxing, kick boxing, or elimination match only after review and approval of the case by the commissioner or employee of the commission.

(4) Any boxer who has been knocked out shall be prohibited from all contact for sixty (60) days.

(5) Any boxer who has suffered a technical knockout shall be prohibited from contact for thirty (30) days.

Section 13. Sex of Boxers. No boxer shall engage in any boxing or sparring with a member of the opposite sex.

Section 14. Age of a Boxer. (1) Unless special permission otherwise is granted by the commission:

(a) A boxer under nineteen (19) years of age is permitted to box no more than six (6) rounds;

(b) A boxer nineteen (19) years of age is permitted to box no more than eight (8) rounds;

(c) A boxer twenty (20) years of age is permitted to box no more than ten (10) rounds; and

(d) For all bouts over ten (10) rounds, each boxer shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age.

(2) No person over the age of thirty-nine (39) shall box without first submitting a complete physical and medical authorization or release completed within fifteen (15) days of the scheduled bout.

**201 KAR 27:014. Female boxing guidelines.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.101, 229.131, 229.171

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 states that the commission is given the sole control, authority and jurisdiction over professional boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events and all persons who participate therein. This administrative regulation establishes the rules relative to the conduct of all forms of boxing matches involving female participants.

Section 1. Except as provided in this administrative regulation, all bouts between female contestants shall be governed by 201 KAR 27:013.

Section 2. The following requirements apply to all bouts between female contestants:

(1) The maximum number of rounds shall be ten (10);

(2) The length of each round shall be two (2) minutes;

(3) The rest period between rounds shall be one (1) minute;

(4) A contestant shall not wear facial cosmetics during the bout;

(5) A contestant with long hair shall secure her hair with soft and nonabrasive material;

(6) Weight classes shall be those established in 201 KAR 27:030, Section 8;

(7) A contestant shall wear a properly-fitted:

(a) Breast protector;

(b) Groin protector; and

(c) Mouthpiece;

(8) The gloves shall be properly fitted and the sizes shall be as follows:

(a) A contestant weighing no more than 154 lbs. shall wear eight (8) ounce gloves; and

(b) A contestant weighing over 154 lbs. shall wear ten (10) ounce gloves; and

(9) A contestant shall provide the results of a pregnancy test indicating a negative finding which was taken within one (1) week prior to the bout.

**201 KAR 27:015. Prompt payment of fees, fines and forfeitures required.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.091(1), 229.171, 229.991

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 authorizes the commission to provide the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional boxing, sparring, and wrestling matches or exhibitions to be conducted, held or given within the Commonwealth. KRS 229.091(1) provides that every licensee shall be subject to the administrative regulations promulgated by the commission. This administrative regulation establishes the fees to be paid to the officials at a boxing show, kick boxing show, or elimination event and provides the other requirements for compensation or payment.

Section 1. All compensation agreements shall be in writing and submitted to the commission for approval not less than five (5) calendar days prior to the date of the proposed show.

Section 2. Compensation shall not be paid to any contestant in advance unless by prior approval of the commission.

Section 3. A promoter shall not pay any part of the compensation due to managers, contestants, or their agents, if the manager or contestant or agent owes the Commonwealth of Kentucky any fees, fines, forfeitures, or other funds incurred in conducting, holding, giving, officiating at, or participating in, boxing, kick boxing, elimination events, wrestling matches, shows, or exhibitions.

Section 4. Before the commencement of any boxing, elimination event, kick boxing show or exhibition, the promoter of the show or exhibition shall tender to the commissioner or an employee of the commission a check or money order made payable to each official who will officiate the show or exhibition in the amount prescribed by the schedule of compensation for officials established in Section 5 of this administrative regulation.

Section 5. The schedule for compensation to be paid in advance to officials participating in a professional show shall be as follows:

(1) Judges for elimination events (minimum three (3)) - \$150 each per day.

(2) Judges for boxing shows or kick boxing shows (minimum three (3)) - seventy-five (75) dollars each.

(3) Timekeeper for:

(a) Boxing shows or kick boxing shows - seventy-five (75) dollars; and

(b) Elimination event - \$150 per day.

(4) Physician for boxing shows, kick boxing shows and elimination events - \$225.

(5) Referees for elimination events (minimum two (2)) - \$150 per day.

(6) Referees for boxing shows and kick boxing shows - \$100 each. If there are more than thirty (30) scheduled rounds, a minimum of two (2) referees shall be required.

Section 6. If a show or exhibition is cancelled, with less than twenty-four (24) hours notice to the commission, officials shall be paid one-half (1/2) the compensation required by this administrative regulation.

#### **201 KAR 27:020. Tickets.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.031

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: In order to assure that the state receives its five (5) percent tax of the gross receipts from the sale of all tickets to a show or exhibition, an administrative regulation is required to govern and control the sale of such tickets. KRS 229.180 states that in order to provide more supervision, the General Assembly intended the commission to have wider discretion than that ordinarily possessed by administrative agencies.

Section 1. All persons admitted to any show or exhibition except members of the commission, employees of the commission, employees of the licensed promoter, officials, representatives of the press, and contestants shall be required to have a ticket. No cash may be accepted for admission by any representative of the promoter except the properly authorized ticket selling agent. All officials, employees, or members of the commission shall be admitted to any professional show or exhibition upon showing the appropriate identification card.

Section 2. Orders for all admission tickets purchased, printed, sold, given away or used by a club shall be submitted in writing to the commission, upon specific request of the commission.

Section 3. All orders for admission tickets shall specify:

(1) Different color for each price class of admission ticket;

(2) Admission tickets to be numbered in consecutive order for each price class ticket; and

(3) Verified invoice delivered by the printer for each order of tickets printed and delivered to the promoter.

Section 4. Complimentary tickets shall be of a color and character as to make them readily distinguishable from paid admission tickets. The commission may limit the number or otherwise restrict the use of the tickets and may require the payment of taxes on complimentary admission tickets. The commission shall be entitled to receive twelve (12) complimentary reserved tickets upon request clearly marked "Not For Sale" to any professional boxing, kick boxing, elimination event or wrestling show or exhibition conducted within this Commonwealth.

Section 5. A schedule of ticket prices shall be posted conspicuously at the front of the ticket office and tickets shall not be sold for any prices other than the price printed on the face of the ticket.

Section 6. All admission tickets collected at the gate shall be deposited in a suitable lock box. The commission may request an audit of the tickets used for a show in order to validate the fees paid pursuant to KRS 229.031.

Section 7. Each purchaser of an admission ticket shall be given a stub which shall be redeemed by the promoter on presentation by the purchaser if the show does not take place as published and announced.

**201 KAR 27:030. Contestants in boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.081, 229.091(1)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.081 provides for all licensing of contestants for professional boxing, kick boxing and elimination events. KRS 229.091(1) provides that every licensee shall be subject to such administrative regulations as the commission prescribes.

Section 1. Contestants shall report to and be under the general supervision of the commissioner or employee of the commission in attendance at the show, and shall be subject to any orders given by the commissioner or employee.

Section 2. Contestants shall produce one (1) form of identification. A contestant shall not assume or use the name of another and shall not change his ring name nor be announced by name other than that which appears on his license except upon approval of the commissioner or employee of the commission.

Section 3. Contestants shall be clean, neatly attired in proper ring attire and trunks of opponents shall be of distinguishing colors.

Section 4. Contestants shall not use during a match a belt which contains any metal substance. The belt as is permissible shall not extend above the waistline of the contestant.

Section 5. Contestants shall wear shoes of soft material during a match and the shoes shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles, or hard heels.

Section 6. A contestant, while engaged in a match, shall wear an abdominal guard or protective cup which has the approval of the commissioner or employee of the commission in attendance and which, in the contestant's own judgment, is sufficient to withstand any blow which might injure the contestant.

Section 7. Whenever a contest is ended by reason of fouling or failure to give an honest exhibition of skill, as determined by the commissioner or an employee of the commission, the compensation of the offending contestant shall be withheld by the club and shall be disposed of as may be ordered by the commission.

Section 8. (1) The class weights permitted in boxing and kick boxing matches shall be as follows:

CLASS	WEIGHT
Flyweight	to 112 lbs.
Bantamweight	to 118 lbs.
Jr. Featherweight	to 122 lbs.
Featherweight	to 126 lbs.
Jr. Lightweight	to 130 lbs.
Lightweight	to 135 lbs.
Jr. Welterweight	to 140 lbs.
Welterweight	to 147 lbs.
Jr. Middleweight	to 154 lbs.
Middleweight	to 160 lbs.
Light Heavyweight	to 175 lbs.
Cruiserweight	to 190 lbs.
Heavyweight	over 190 lbs.

(2) Elimination events shall be divided into at least two (2) weight divisions. No open shows shall be permitted.

Section 9. Contestants in all shows held under the jurisdiction of the commission shall weigh in stripped, at a time set by the commission. The commissioner or an employee of the commission and a representative of the promoter conducting the show shall be in attendance.

Section 10. On the day of the show, a physical examination of each contestant shall be made by the official physician. A record of each contestant's weight shall be recorded by the representative of the promoter and the record shall also be filed with the commission.

Section 11. A contestant shall immediately notify the promoter and the commission if, as a result of illness or for any other reason, he is unable to participate in a show, in which he has entered into a contract to engage, and shall immediately file with the commission a physician's certificate verifying the injury or illness, or other verified evidence, as the commission may require to establish valid reasons for his failure to participate. The commissioner may require a contestant to submit to an examination if deemed necessary to establish the true facts of the contestant's failure to participate.

Section 12. All matches in an elimination event shall be made by the commissioner or an employee of the commission.

**201 KAR 27:035. Seconds.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.171

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 gives the Kentucky Athletic Commission the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional boxing shows, kick boxing shows, and elimination events held in the Commonwealth. It is therefore necessary to control the activities of some unlicensed participants in these shows. This administrative regulation establishes the guidelines that shall be followed by persons acting as seconds.

Section 1. (1) Seconds shall report to and be under the general supervision of the commissioner or employee of the commission in attendance at the show.

(2) Seconds shall obey all orders of the commissioner or employee.

Section 2. Seconds shall be governed by the law and administrative regulations of the commission.

Section 3. Any violation, by seconds, of the law or administrative regulations of the commission may be sufficient cause for disqualification of the contestant, for whom they act, by the referee or judges.

Section 4. Seconds shall not act as managers unless so licensed.

Section 5. Seconds shall not be more than three (3) in number, and only two (2) shall be allowed in the ring at the same time.

Section 6. Seconds shall be equipped with first aid kits and the necessary supplies for proper attendance upon their contestants.

Section 7. Seconds shall leave the ring at the timekeeper's ten (10) seconds whistle before the beginning of each round of a boxing match, kick boxing match, or elimination event match removing all equipment. None of this equipment shall be placed on the ring floor until after the bell has sounded at the end of the round or period.

Section 8. Seconds shall not throw towels or other articles into the ring.

Section 9. Seconds shall wear surgical gloves at all times while carrying out their duties.

Section 10. Seconds may be ejected from a match or excluded from future matches based on a violation of these administrative regulations.

**201 KAR 27:040. Managers.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.081, 229.091(1)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.081 provides for the licensing of managers at professional boxing and kick boxing. KRS 229.091(1) provides that every licensee shall be subject to such administrative regulations as the commission prescribes.

Section 1. Managers shall report to and be under the general supervision of the commissioner or employee of the commission in attendance at the show. They shall be subject to any orders given by the commissioner or employee of the commission.

Section 2. Managers shall do business only with promoters, officials, and contestants licensed by the commission who are in good standing and they shall act as managers only in shows that have been approved by the commission.

Section 3. Managers shall not act or attempt to act for a contestant unless legally authorized to do so by the contestant.

Section 4. Copies of written contracts between managers and contestants may be filed with the commissioner or employee of the commission as evidence of the authority to act and shall be filed if requested by the commissioner or employee of the commission.

**201 KAR 27:045. Judges.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.081, 229.091(1)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.081 provides for the licensing of judges for professional boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events. KRS 229.091(1) provides that every licensee shall be subject to such administrative regulations as the commission prescribes.

Section 1. The judges officiating at any show shall be governed by the law and administrative regulations adopted by the commission and shall be subject to any orders given by the commissioner or employee of the commission.

Section 2. At the beginning of a match the judges shall locate themselves on opposite sides of the ring and shall carefully observe the performance of the contestants. At the conclusion of the match the judges shall render their decision.

Section 3. The judges shall, if requested by the referee, assist him in determining whether fouls have been committed, whether the contestants are in earnest, and whether there is collusion affecting the result of the match.

Section 4. In order to become licensed, and to maintain licensure, a judge shall annually take and pass an examination on the applicable administrative regulations, as administered by the commission.

**201 KAR 27:050. Announcers.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.171

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.171 gives the Kentucky Athletic Commission the sole direction, management, control, and jurisdiction over all professional boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events held in the Commonwealth. It is therefore necessary to control the activities of some unlicensed participants in these shows.

Section 1. The announcer officiating at any show shall be governed by the law and administrative regulations promulgated by the commission, and he shall be subject to any orders given by the commissioner or employee of the commission.

Section 2. The announcer shall have general supervision over all announcements made by the ringside or in the arena. He shall announce from the ring the name of contestants, their weight, decisions at the end of each match, and such other matters as are necessary. No person other than the official announcer shall make announcements.

Section 3. If a match is stopped before its scheduled termination, the announcer shall immediately confer with the referee and the commissioner or an employee of the commission and then shall immediately announce the decision.

Section 4. The announcer shall not enter the ring during the actual progress of a match.

Section 5. An announcer may be ejected from a match or excluded from further matches based on a violation of these administrative regulations.

**201 KAR 27:055. Physicians.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.081, 229.091(1)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.081 provides for the licensing of physicians for professional boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events. KRS 229.091(1) provides that every licensee shall be subject to such administrative regulations as the commission prescribes.

Section 1. The physician officiating at a show shall be governed by the law and administrative regulations adopted by the commission and shall be subject to any orders given by the commissioner or employee of the commission.

Section 2. The physician shall have general supervision over the physical condition of the contestants, and it shall be his duty to make a thorough physical examination of all contestants at weighing-in time, or within eight (8) hours prior to the time set for their entrance into the ring. He shall deliver a written report to the commissioner or employee of the commission, in attendance at the show, stating the physical condition of the contestant prior to the contestant's entrance into the ring.

Section 3. The physician shall take his position near the ringside and shall carefully observe the physical condition of the contestants during each match, and he shall administer medical aid should any emergency arise requiring same.

Section 4. The physician shall prohibit any contestant who is physically unfit for competition or impaired from alcohol or a controlled substance from entering the ring, and he shall order the referee to stop a match if he deems such action necessary to prevent serious physical injury to a contestant, official, second, manager, or spectator.

Section 5. The physician shall not enter the ring except in an emergency or unless authorized to do so by the referee, the commissioner, or an employee of the commission.

Section 6. The physician shall be licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 311 as a physician.

**201 KAR 27:060. Referees.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.081, 229.091(1)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.081 provides for the licensing of referees for professional boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events. KRS 229.091(1) provides that every licensee shall be subject to such administrative regulations as the commission prescribes.

Section 1. The referee shall be the chief official of the show, and he shall take his place in the ring and shall have general supervision over the contestants, managers, and seconds during the entire show.

Section 2. The referee shall be familiar with the law and administrative regulations governing boxing, kick boxing and elimination events, and he shall be responsible for their enforcement during the entire period of a show.

Section 3. The referee shall, before starting a match, ascertain from each contestant the name of his chief second and hold said chief second responsible for the conduct of his assistant seconds during the progress of the match.

Section 4. The referee shall call contestants together in the ring immediately preceding a match for final instructions, at which time each contestant shall be accompanied in the ring by his chief second only.

Section 5. The referee shall inspect the person, attire, and equipment of the contestants and make certain that no foreign substances which are contrary to the law and administrative regulations concerning the same have been applied or used by the contestants.

Section 6. The referee shall have the authority to stop a match at any time if:

- (1) He considers it too one-sided;
- (2) Either of the contestants is unable to protect himself from possible injury;
- (3) He considers the contestants not competing in earnest; or
- (4) He has reasonable grounds to believe that collusion exists between the contestants affecting the results of the contest.

Section 7. The referee shall have the authority to disqualify a contestant who commits a foul and award the decision to his opponent. He shall immediately disqualify a contestant who commits an intentional or deliberate foul which incapacitates an opponent.

Section 8. The referee shall decide a round in favor of the contestant who has been fouled by his opponent, and he may permit a rest period at any time not exceeding three (3) minutes.

Section 9. The referee shall not touch the contestants during the match except upon failure of contestants to obey his orders.

Section 10. In order to become licensed, and to maintain licensure, a referee shall annually take and pass an examination on the applicable administrative regulations, as administered by the commission.

Section 11. The referee shall decide all questions arising during a match which are not otherwise specifically covered by law or the administrative regulations of the commission.

**201 KAR 27:070. Timekeeper.**

RELATES TO: KRS 229.081, 229.091(1)

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 229.180

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: KRS 229.081 provides for the licensing of timekeepers for professional boxing, kick boxing, and elimination events. KRS 229.091(1) provides that every licensee shall be subject to such administrative regulations as the commission prescribes.

Section 1. The timekeeper officiating at any show shall be governed by the law and administrative regulations adopted by the commission and shall be subject to any orders given by the commissioner or employee of the commission.



Section 2. The timekeeper shall seat himself outside the ring near the bell and shall take his cue to commence or take time out from the nod of the referee.

Section 3. The timekeeper shall be provided with a whistle and a stop watch approved by the commission.

Section 4. Ten (10) seconds before the start of each round of a boxing match, the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds, contestants, and officials by sounding the whistle.

Section 5. The timekeeper shall indicate the starting and ending of each round of a boxing match by striking the bell with a metal hammer.

Section 6. In the event a match terminates before the scheduled limit, the timekeeper shall inform the announcer of the exact duration of the match.

Section 7. Ten (10) seconds prior to the end of each round, the timekeeper shall give warning to the seconds, contestants, and officials by striking a gavel three (3) times.